

To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
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Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (May / 2011)



- Our Mini Pumper is in the construction phase with the manufacturer and Unit 509 is back in service.
- Our website is continually being upgraded, we encourage people to visit our site at; www.saltspringfire.com. We also have a large group of followers on our Official Facebook and Twitter sites focusing on public announcements and information.
- Our reserve units including the Jeep have been moved into storage facility until further notice.
- The Federal Government has approved our 2011 Summer Student Job Application request they will be cost sharing with us for one student. This position will be advertised and start late June running for 8 weeks.
- The 8th Annual SSIFR Training Weekend is fast approaching July 7th to 10th inclusive. We are looking forward to over one- hundred firefighters and their partners / families joining us on the Island. The event is a mixture of; classroom training, hand-on training and social networking. Thank you to the supporting businesses, individuals and members who make this training weekend a success.
- Members continued to be busy this month with training, work duties and calls for assistance. In May the SSIFR responded to **34 calls for assistance**.

Response types were:

First Responder	11
Alarms	5
Complaints	11
Police Assists	1
Motor Vehicle Incidents	3
Appliance Fire	1
Hydro	1
Misc	1

- **Training Division report for May:**
 - Training Sessions conducted 12 with an average of 3 hrs each = 36hrs
- New training Audio and Visual equipment was installed in the three halls
- Several of our members attended off Island training sessions / events during May

➤ **Fire Inspection / Prevention Division report for May:**

Commercial Inspections	27
Commercial Re-inspection	24
Responses to Emergencies	15
Category 3 Burn Pile Inspections	11
Review of Fire Safety Plans	2
Subdivision Reviews	4
Driveway Inspections	1
Car Child-Seat Installs	0
Battery Smoke Alarm requests	0
Public Information Sessions	4
Fire Extinguisher Training	2 Sessions (12-Adults)
Public Education Tours	6 Sessions (203 Children – 36 Adults)
Water Storage Tank Reviews	6
# of Burning Permits issued to date	1100+
Paperwork / Administration	Endless



- May, continued to be productive within the Inspection / Prevention Division dealing with many varying activities. Both members attended the annual Fire Prevention Officers Association conference in Langley. Topics of learning were; Inspection, Education and Investigation. This proved to be very valuable information and a networking opportunity to be used for the future.
- We have partnered with; Community Safety Net Group in bringing forth a kid's safety program via a booklet and DVD hand out. The community has supported by means of sponsorship over 300 books / DVD's which will be handed out to kids in grade three. A huge "Thank You" is extended to the sponsorship companies who made this possible.
- Another initiative the SSIFR has undertaken worthy of mentioning is the Prevention Vehicle decaling program. This is an opportunity for local businesses to show their support for Fire Prevention, by advertising their company logo on our Inspection / Prevention support vehicles. To date, we have 9 decaling spots confirmed. We will continue to invite other businesses to join in until all available space is taken. Support received from this program will go back into the general operating budget.
- We continue to receive positive responses and invitations concerning our programs relating to voluntary inspections of all B&B's and our battery operated Smoke Alarm Program.
- Burning permits are required effective April 15th until October 1st 2011 for all types of burning. Permits can be obtained (for free) at the Ganges Fire Station during regular office hours. Category 3 Machine piles require an inspection prior to a permit being authorized. Currently the Fire Hazard is considered a 2 (LOW).